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SUBJECT: ILO CONFERENCE: DEVELOPMENTS IN APPLICATIONS,
SELECTION AND STRUCTURE COMMITTEES

REF: GENEVA 09362

1. APPLICATION OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE: THIS COMMITTEE COMPLETED ITS CONSIDERATION OF INDIVIDUAL CASES JUNE 21. COMMITTEE DISCUSSED SOME FIFTY COUNTRIES, INCLUDING CUBA AND THE USSR. SOME OF THESE WILL APPEAR UNDER CRITERIA 1-5 OF THE SPECIAL LIST AND 9 WILL BE MENTIONED IN SPECIAL PARAGRAPHS (ARGENTINA, CHILE, ETHIOPIA, GUINEA, HAITI, INDONESIA, LIBERIA, TURKEY AND URUGUAY). EXCEPT FOR CHILE, WHEN A VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE SPECIAL PARAGRAPH, THE DISCUSSION WAS LOW-KEYED AND EXPEDITIOUS. THE COMMITTEE'S DRAFT REPORT IS DUE FOR ADOPTION ON JUNE 23 AND WILL PROBABLY COME UP IN THE PLENARY CONFERENCE ON JUNE 27.

2. SELECTION COMMITTEE: THIS COMMITTEE HAS RECOMMENDED TO THE CONFERENCE THAT IT APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE ILO OF NAMIBIA. UNTIL SUCH TIME AS NAMIBIA GAINS INDEPENDENCE, THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA WOULD ACT IN ITS BEHALF. THE ILO LEGAL OFFICE HAS GIVEN THE OPINION THAT THE GRANTING OF REPRESENTATION STATUS TO THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA WOULD NOT BE IN UNCLASSIFIED

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CONFORMITY WITH THE ILO CONSTITUTION IS UNLIKELY TO DETER THE CONFERENCE FROM APPROVING NAMIBIAN MEMBERSHIP. SEVERAL GOVERNMENTS ARE LIKELY TO VOTE FOR NAMIBIAN MEMBERSHIP WITH RESERVATIONS CONCERNING THE ROLE OF THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA.

3. STRUCTURE: THIS COMMITTEE HAS DECIDED TO RECOMMEND TO THE CONFERENCE THAT THE LIFE OF THE WORKING PARTY ON STRUCTURE BE EXTENDED FOR ONE YEAR. IT IS NOT YET CLEAR IF THE COMPOSITION OR THE MANDATE OF THE WORKING PARTY WILL BE ALTERED. DURING THE LAST SEVERAL DAYS, DELEGATES HAVE AIRED THEIR VIEWS ON ARTICLE 7 (STRUCTURE), ARTICLE 36 (VETO POWER) AND THE COMPOSITION OF THE NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS. THESE DISCUSSIONS HAVE PRODUCED NO SURPRISES WITH COMMUNIST AND G-77 REPS CALLING FOR INCREASED DEMOCRATIZATION OF THE GOVERNING BODY AND IMEC GOVERNMENT, WORKER AND EMPLOYER REPS DEFENDING THE TRIPARTITE SYSTEM AND THE AUTONOMY OF EACH GROUP. SORENSEN

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